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- 1. WE HAVE ASKED OPERATIONS CHIEF OF SULTAN OF OMAN'S LAND FORCES (SOLF) AND IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO CONFIRM WHETHER IRANIAN REINFORCEMENTS HAVE RECENTLY COME TO OMAN. BOTH SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO REINFORCEMENT OF IRANIAN CONTINGENT HERE.
- 2. SOURCE CITED REF B IS PROBABLY CORRECT THAT SHAH IS PREPARED AT MOMENT'S NOTICE TO RETURN TROOPS TO OMAN. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, ONE MAIN TASK OF SMALL IRANIAN FORCE REMAINING HERE (IT VARIES BETWEEN ONE AND TWO COMPANIES DEPENDING ON ROTATION) IS TO KEEP OPEN NUCLEUS OF BASE TO WHICH IRANIAN TROOPS COULD RETURN QUICKLY AND BE OPERATIONAL WITHOUT DELAY, SHOULD SHAH AND SULTAN AGREE THIS IS NECESSARY. CONFIDENTIAL

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